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### **STATUS REPORT ON COUNTYWIDE DATA CENTER CURRENT STATE ASSESSMENT AND FUTURE STATE REQUIREMENTS (ITEM NO. 3, AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2014)**

This status report is prepared in response to the September 30, 2014, joint Board Motion by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas and Supervisor Don Knabe, wherein the board directed the Chief Information Office (CIO) in coordination with the Chief Executive Office and Internal Services Department (ISD) to report on the following tasks (summarized):

1. Recommendation regarding the County's current requirements for a data center,
2. Recommendation on whether the County's data center needs should be satisfied by acquiring, leasing, or constructing a new facility,
3. Recommendation on a policy direction to consolidate departmental data centers in a virtualized centralized model, and
4. Recommendation for a countywide consolidation policy, five-year consolidation roadmap, and an operations governance process for the new data center.

Task 1 is complete. A report was submitted to your Board on March 31, 2015. Tasks 2, 3 and 4 are in progress. This status report outlines actions taken to date on the tasks remaining to be completed.

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**Recommendation on whether the County's data center needs should be satisfied by acquiring, leasing, or constructing a new facility**

KNN Public Finance has been retained to assess the long-term financial, logistical and operational impacts associated with acquiring, leasing or constructing the new County data center. However, before KNN can complete this analysis, information in addition to what was provided in task 1 of this effort is required. In particular, we have retained Gartner, Inc. to expand on their Task 1 effort and provide the comprehensive information specific to the County's needs and the Los Angeles real estate market required to recommend the most beneficial and cost effective option. We anticipate this task will be completed by August 31, 2015.

**Recommendation on a policy direction to consolidate departmental data centers in a virtualized centralized model**

The CIO's office and ISD are working with the CIO Council to develop a Technology Directive to consolidate departmental data centers in a virtualized centralized model. The Technology Directive will address the requirement for the consolidating departments to decommission their data centers, as part of the consolidation, and development of a draft Charter for a County Data Center Steering Committee.

**Recommendation for a countywide consolidation policy, five-year consolidation roadmap, and an operations governance process for the new data center**

The CIO's office and ISD are working with Gartner to finalize a five-year consolidation roadmap and data center operations governance process for the new data center. The five-year consolidation roadmap will provide recommendations regarding how to plan, sequence, fund and manage the consolidation effort. The governance model will include a County Data Center Steering Committee to focus on transparency and alignment with the departments' data center computing needs and interests. The recommended five-year consolidation roadmap and governance model will be vetted with the CIO Council Leadership Committee and briefed at the Operations Cluster meeting prior to submitting to the Board by July 31, 2015.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Tom Tindall, CEO Central Services, at (213) 893-2374.

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